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Lebanon: Lebanese hopes of strong French support in the current crisis with Israel are proving to be ill-founded.

The French ambassador in Beirut has told his American counterpart that Georges Gorse, the head of the French mission presently visiting Lebanon, is not a personal emissary of President de Gaulle. The ambassador implied that Gorse was not empowered to offer the Lebanese any assistance at this time beyond token expressions of moral support.

In Paris, a high Quai official has categorically denied that France offered to send troops to Lebanon.

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